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### More U.S. Stupidity

Much as we hate to admit it, there are times when the United States is not very clever or wise in handling its affairs. Revelation has been made by newspaper correspondents, and confirmed by government agents, that a high official of the Cuban secret police during the unspeakable Batista regime was hired to interview refugees from Castro's Cuba. He is Col. Mariano Faget, who fled with Gen. Batista to the Dominican Republic, after the collapse of the Batista dictatorship, and then later came to the United States as a refugee.

What was particularly irritating was that many of the people Col. Faget interviewed and screened fought him and Batista before they fled from Castro's tyranny and they resented his presence as an aide to the United States government.

While Faget has not been personally identified with Batista tortures and excesses, the fact that he was closely associated with the ex-dictator for 20 years raised strong suspicions and revived memories.

The White House reportedly now has taken steps to make certain Col. Faget no longer will be employed by the Immigration Service.

Men who carry the Batista taint should be excluded from Cuban refugee camps and affairs. One of the major errors of the Central Intelligence Agency in organizing the

recent ill-fated invasion of Cuba was reliance on Batista men. That was stupid and the stupidity was compounded in the employment of an official, who, in the anti-Castro Cuban mind, was linked with a regime of terrorism and tyranny.

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